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A Song In My Heart

By Frank A. Miller

There's a song in my heart Jesus gave me
When He washed all my dark sins away
And it rings in my soul all the night long
And it sings in my heart all the day.

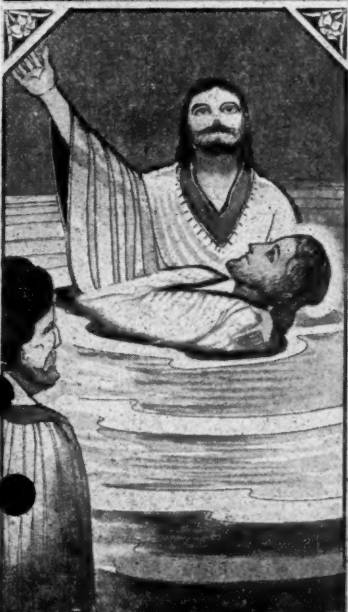
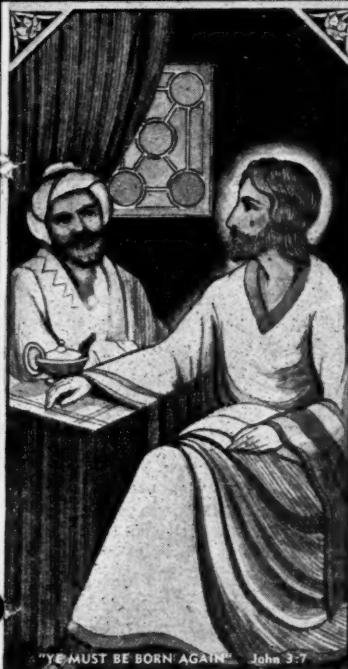
There's a peace in my heart Jesus gives me,
Stilling storms of distress into calm;
And His presence makes heaven seem nearer
As He fills all my life with a psalm.

There's a joy in my heart Jesus gives me
And a rapture that angels might sing,
Winning souls from the snares of the tempter
As the stars for the crown of my King.

There's a hope in my heart Jesus gives me
As I think of that glorified throng
Near the throne of my blessed Redeemer
As the angels fill heaven with song.

Oh, the songs in the night fill my heart with delight
As on Jesus my burden I roll;
As I look on His face and rejoice in His grace,
How His glory comes thrilling my soul.

—Prophecy.





W. C. Hendrix and coworkers will be on Textile Parade broadcast over station WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C., Saturday, Sept. 23, at 4:30 p. m.

The Church of God at Beckley, W. Va. expects to have its home-coming Sunday, Oct. 1. We plan to have all-day services with dinner on the ground. We invite Brother Moreland, our district overseer, all pastors and churches on the district and all former pastors of Beckley, to be with us. Bring a well-filled basket.—Bun E. Hicks, pastor, Beckley, W. Va.

To the ministers of the Church of God in Arkansas: As some of the churches are behind on the state parsonage payment, the finance committee decided at the state convention to assess each reporting minister \$1.00, to be paid by Sept. 15. It also decided to assess each member 10c each so as to paint the state parsonage. This is to be sent in at the earliest date possible. This was agreed on by every minister present. — Finance committee, Lester Besley, W. E. Wright, Jesse Danehower.

There will be a home-coming at the Church of God at Lake Placid, Fla. the last Sunday in September. We invite everyone to come be with us and enjoy a spiritual feast. Bring a well-filled basket. We are in a revival now. God is wonderfully blessing. Pray earnestly for us.—Grace Westberry, Lake Placid, Fla.

We are planning on going to the General Assembly and have room for five passengers. I would like to hear at once from those who are planning on going from Wyoming, Montana, Colorado or Nebraska. We charge \$20.00 round trip. We drive a new Dodge and can assure you a convenient trip. — R. H. Klaudt, Gen. Del., Worland, Wyoming.

We will have home-coming at the Church of God in Jasper, Ala. Sunday, Sept. 24. We invite everyone to come and enjoy the day with us. All who can, bring a well-filled basket as we plan to have dinner at the church. Pray that God will give us a great day.—Pastor, W. J. Shumaker, 2026 Euclid Ave., Jasper, Ala.

To whom it may concern: I have been appointed by the Church of God at Johnston City, Ill. to serve as clerk. Anyone wishing to communicate with me may do so at the following address.—Mrs. Carrie Batey, 1502 Grand Ave., Johnston City, Ill.

We are now in the evangelistic work. We have our house on wheels and, as Paul, I am now ready to preach the gospel. We are at present in a meeting at Hazard, Ky. God is with us in a great way. Pray for our success and come.—Kentucky evangelist, G. F. Crank, Walkertown Station, Hazard, Ky.

There will be a home-coming at the Church of God at Whitwell, Tenn. Sept. 24. Brother S. J. Wood of New Mexico will be the guest speaker. Everybody welcome. Come and bring a well-filled basket and enjoy the day with us.—R. C. Ogle, pastor.

Attention churches on the Greensboro, Lenoir and Charlotte, N. C. districts:

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Assembly
of the
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October 1, 1939
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J. H. WALKER,
General Overseer.

There will be an all-day feast at the Church of God at Jonesville, N. C. the fourth Sunday in September. You are invited.—R. C. Triplett, Jonesville, N. C.

FOR SALE: One Holman Bible, slightly used. Standard size, India paper, Bible dictionary, chain reference, questions and answers. Complete line of helps. Ideal pulpit Bible. Price was \$8.50, now \$5.00.—Ivan R. Stone, 717 Cherry St., Jellico, Tenn.

Brother W. E. Hodo, pastor at Boaz, Ala. began a revival at the North Gadsden Church of God Sunday, Sept. 10. The Lord has blessed wonderfully. There was a number in the altar the first night. Please pray that God will bless and save many souls. Also pray for me that I will live closer to the Lord and be a soul win-

ner for Him.—Troy Williams, 708 Rogers St., Gadsden, Ala.

CORRECTION: In Sept. 9 issue of the Evangel under the Bluefield, Va. district report (page 8) by A. J. Cox, district overseer, we stated that Brother Elgin Elswick was pastor at Dumfries Town when it should have been T. W. Norris.

There will be a home-coming at Pulaski, Va. Oct. 1. Everyone is invited. Special music will be rendered by the quartet of Wilcoe, W. Va., also Radford male quartet and string band. There will be several speakers through the day. Our state overseer, Brother J. L. Dorman, will be with us. Brother E. E. Vaught will also speak during the day.—W. T. Morefield, pastor, Box 1057, Pulaski, Va.

Notice to all the churches in North and South Dakota and Wyoming: Remember our assembly year closes in just a few days, and please, pastors and clerks, see that your reports are up to date. I ask that every church send in its aged ministers' quota at once, also your foreign mission money due Headquarters. Send both to the General Secretary and Treasurer at Cleveland, Tenn. Churches, see that your pastors get to the Assembly.—D. C. Boatwright, overseer, 701 5th St., N. E., Minot, N. Dak.

The Church of God at Richmond, Va. is now on the air over station WRTD every Friday from 5:00-5:30 p. m.—Russell Ford, evangelist, Harry Sells, pastor, Richmond, Va.

We are in the midst of a glorious revival here in Worland, Wyoming. God is blessing and people are responding to salvation, but we are suffering severe persecution from the unsaved. Unless God intervenes we might be in the hands of the law soon. We ask the saints everywhere to pray for us and the meetings here. This is a new field and reported by all previous evangelists as a God-rejecting and hopeless community.—R. H. Klaudt, Worland, Wyoming.

The Church of God on the corner of St. Joe Ave. and Michigan St. will have an all-day meeting Sunday, Sept. 24, which includes a Sunday School rally, a basket dinner and a baptizing at two o'clock. Every one is invited. The church has been set in order just a short period of time. All churches that can, bring musical talent.—McKay, Sr., clerk, 1119 W. Columbia St., Evansville, Ind.

We are now having a revival in Puler Bend, just across Saline river, west of Benton, Ark., and God is blessing us. Brother W. I. Burford and his wife of
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One of the Besetting Sins of Today

BY A. J. SWIFT

Text, "*Jealousy is cruel as the grave,*" S. of Sol. 8:6.

I wonder how many of us are acquainted with this great monster jealousy.

Dear readers, we feel that it is one of the besetting sins of today. We need our minds stirred in regard to this. You will find this in most of our churches and in many of our homes. It is even among our Christian ministry. I wonder if we are not somewhat jealous and envious of one another if the other fellow prospers and succeeds better in his work than we do.

Are you sad at someone's happiness? Do you feel unpleasant in view of the success or good fortune of another? Can you rejoice at their failure or mishap? It is one of the most fiendish and awful sins the mind of man can conceive of or the ingenuity of the devil devise.

Perhaps it is impossible for you to even hear the names of some people mentioned without feeling the stirring of jealousy in your heart. Many can not see others succeed or prosper without feeling ugly about it. They delight to speak of the faults and failures rather than the gifts and graces of those more talented, and consecrated, and appreciated. What a horrible sin. Lord God Almighty, deliver us from its awful contaminating, blighting, damning touch.

Jealousy is found even in the pulpit, among the ministers of the gospel. Someone preaches a better sermon and is praised by the people. Then if we are not careful we will feel all ugly inside. Perhaps a former pastor will return and be invited out to homes that the present pastor is never invited to. He can hardly stand the test.

Someone may say to the other minister, "I wish we could hear such sermons often. We don't get much of that sort of preaching. It was the grandest sermon I have heard in a long time." And the present pastor that feels he preaches sermons often that display much more thought and study than the one preached by the brother minister, and he is somewhat jealous. O friend, how we need to be delivered from this sin! Is it possible for us to see any one elevated while we are not, without feeling envious over it? Can we rejoice when someone is noticed and praised while we are neglected? If not, then hadn't we better ask the great Holy Ghost to keep us from such an awful sin?

We need the depth of experience in the holy life, and that submerging in the Spirit and the peace of God, that will save us from all the inward stirrings and strife of jealousy.

"And the peace of God, which passeth



all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus," Phil. 4:7.

"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them," Psa. 119:165.

Yes, brother, it says "nothing shall offend them," nothing shall throw you off,

nobody will ruffle your feelings, if God has full control. Even every upsetting circumstance will only make us cling closer to Him.

Jealousy plays a big part. If you don't think so, listen to some of its past history:

Jealousy caused the first murder, led Cain to kill Abel. Jealousy was the reason for Joseph being sold into slavery. It caused trouble between Esau and Jacob. It caused Miriam and Aaron to speak against Moses. It was the reason for rebellion among the Israelites when so many were slain. Saul was jealous of David and sought to take his life. It was jealousy that caused the princes to plan the death of Daniel and led him to the lions' den. Jealousy caused the trouble between Haman and Mordecai. The elder brother would not rejoice when the prodigal returned because he was jealous. The chief priest and Pharisees were envious of Jesus. It was jealousy that stood behind the tragedy of cross as one of the main causes of the death of Christ. Jealousy, envy and hatred did not stop until Christ was dead and beyond the power of bramble, hammer or spear.

Jealousy causes great wars, agitates the nations, fills our divorce courts and keeps the criminal lawyers busy with murder cases. Now if this great monster isn't worth our consideration, tell me the reason why.

Everyone that reads this message, please pray for the writer that I will always be free from this spirit.

A Shepherd and Not a Lord

BY FLORRIE JONES

"Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock," 1 Peter 5:3.

As I read these precious words of the Apostle Peter, I can see in my imagination a man with a heart full of love and compassion for the flock of God and a shepherd who would give his life for the sheep, a chosen minister of God who would endure any hardship and give his life for the cause of Christ.

God's laws are just, pure, and holy, and every shepherd that expects to receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away must be willing to be an ensample to the flock of God and not a lord over God's heritage.

Let us notice carefully what the word "lord" means. It means a tyrant and a tyrant means an oppressive and despotic ruler. History tells us of the cruel and wicked kings who would oppress the people by living in luxury while demanding and exacting from his subjects most all of their living.

As the Apostle Peter penned these words of exhortation to the elders he had

in mind the kind of a spirit in man that would cause him to want to be puffed up and live at ease in Zion while the flock of God barely exists without the necessities of life.

When the shepherd will feed the flock of God from His Holy Word, and the flock will not be forgetful hearers but doers of the Word, the church will have more of God's blessings poured out upon it. God's chosen ministers will not want to have luxuries of this life until they become an oppression to the flock. There are so many poor people in the Church of God that can hardly exist, but thank God, Jesus said the poor have the gospel preached to them, and because the Church of God stands for the full gospel of Jesus Christ, the poor have accepted it gladly. The sheep of God's fold will not see their pastor and family in need of the necessities of life but will have a willing mind to help support them with the things they have need of.

The Apostle Paul summed up the right thing for God's people to do in 2 Cor. 8:

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EDITORIALS

World-Wide Conflicts

"And upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity the sea and the waves roaring," Luke 21:25.

The strife and revolution predicted here by the Lord Jesus as one of the signs of the approaching end or the present age is abundant evidence. There have been many wars, earthquakes and storms since Jesus was crucified. The World War was one of the worst and most destructive conflicts that the nations of earth ever engaged in, but we believe this present war is the culmination of disturbances among the nations. When the sea is used as presenting a prophecy picture, it has reference to the people of the earth. Daniel said, "I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another," Dan. 7:2, 3. The angel in explaining this vision to Daniel, said, "These great beasts, which are four, are great kings, which shall arise out of the earth," Dan. 7:17.

Scores of revolutions have taken place since the beginning of the present century. Crownheads have fallen before firing squads, ancient empires have toppled into the dust, and many revolutions have followed with dizzying rapidity. The revolution which had its beginning in Russia in 1917 has been more or less continuous ever since. It is doubtful if any single uprising or any storm from the people has ever had such far-reaching effects as the one just mentioned. Lenin, before he could shake the nation into complete subjection, set up a communistic wholesale murder and murdered twenty-eight bishops, 1,215 priests, 6,575 teachers, 8,800 doctors, 54,850 officers, 260,000 soldiers, 160,000 police officers, 48,000 gendarmes, 12,850 officials, 355,250 intellectuals, 198,000 workers and 915,000 peasants. Since that time the godless Soviet government has maintained itself through

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This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

a reign of terror largely carried on through the agency of a gigantic secret police system.

The ancient kingdom of Spain was visited with several years of revolution of the most bloody and violent nature. Similar revolutions have swept many countries, one government after another revolting against their supreme ruler. England on whose flag the sun never sets has been continually faced with revolutions. Our beloved United States has not escaped strikes, riots, hunger marches, and mass demonstrations throughout the country. This reveals the dissatisfaction among the American people. The war between capital and labor involved thousands of people and in many instances it has been unreasonable and brutal. Many have lost their lives in riots. This is bringing out the very thought that Jesus had in mind when He spoke of the disturbances that would come before He came back to earth again. Many destroyers of the products of the land have spread over the country bringing to pass the predictions of our Lord and Savior. In all this we see that great day of the Lord approaching.

The present war in Europe certainly must be the climax of these wars and disturbances. These things were to continue until the coming of Jesus. With the modern methods of warfare, we can't see how the nations can hardly survive. The aerial service is so complete that war is not anything like it used to be. They can do more damage in one day than the old method of cavalry, infantry and artillery could do in a month. Think of the awful destruction of the Japanese war in China. Large skyscrapers were split from top to bottom in just a few minutes. Passenger stations were blown up as trains entered. Women and children were murdered by the thousands. Never in all the history of the world has war been so cruel as it is now. The innocent women and children are being slain just the same as the soldiers. Warfare in previous generations took care of women and children, but now they drop their bombs into their camps, even among the wounded soldiers

in hospitals. They have no regard for human life, and if this warfare that is now on in Europe keeps up, it will almost exterminate the human family.

Of course we know that there will be millions of people left for the last great conflict. It is the private opinion of the Editor that the final outcome of this war will be one of the greatest horrors the world has ever heard about. From what we can gather from newspapers we see that prophecy is being fulfilled in this awful conflict. If no other nations enter the war except those now engaged, it would hardly be possible for this to be the last one before the rapture. In my opinion other nations will be involved before it is over.

Russia and Italy seem to be neutral but they are continually mobilizing and getting their forces ready. The United States doesn't want to go into the war but if this is the last conflict before the tribulation week begins, she will certainly be involved. The dictators of the different European countries are certainly forerunners of Antichrist but neither of them could be Antichrist himself for the Bible tells us where he shall come from.

"And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them," Rev. 11:7.

"The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition," Rev. 17:8-11.

History says that Antiochus Epiphanes was of the seventh kingdom, and he shall be the eighth ruler. He persecuted the Jews more than any man of his day. He was a Syrian ruler and was over the country of Italy which is called the Roman province. Following up the awful spirit of tyranny, we can see in this man a fulfillment of the prophecies of the man of sin. He had for his emblem an ax and a bundle of sticks. For many years now the Roman people have been working to revive this emblem. Mussolini is following closely in the steps of this man of sin and it is the opinion of this Editor that he is being used to pave the way for the man of sin. The Russian government has denied God and with their force of

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

Holiness and Spiritual Health

Holiness is spiritual health. Lack of holiness brings spiritual decay and death.

It is most encouraging and inspiring to see a new convert triumphing over sin and thirsting for holiness. So many seem to make a start in the Christian life who manifest no such thirst.

1. It is a good sign to see the young Christian thirsting for and going on to holiness. It is an indication of normal, spiritual health. That holiness which becomes God's house "forever" is the atmosphere in which the vigorous thriving Christian lives.

2. The Christian who lacks the spirit of holiness is useless in the service of God. It is of such that dead churches are composed. They have "nothing but leaves." They bear no fruit and sooner or later they wither under the curse of God. Too many over the land belong to this class.

3. Holiness is described as an inward experience, which is demonstrated in outward fruits and blessings, not that it gets a man into heaven so much as to get heaven into a man, until at last heaven shall be within and without him for ever and ever.

4. Holiness is not a matter of conformity to laws and regulations so much but it is the cleansing and renewing of the secret and hidden parts of a man's life. It is to have the springs and fountain clean and clear. Then the fruits, graces and other desirable things naturally follow. The Psalmist said, "All my springs are in thee" (Psa. 87:7).

5. This condition gives a new and greater sensitiveness to sin and its very approach, and that is a sign of spiritual health. The best remedy against disease germs is health, then to serve God "in the beauty of holiness," which is wholeness, is the best guarantee against spiritual weakness and decline.

Not a Popular Employment

How true that seeking holiness is not a popular employment, even among Christians, but holiness was never more needed than now. We have abundant activity and machinery in our churches, but we need holiness more than all else. Every one of us should quietly seek for a closer walk with God; not talk about it, not run around trying to impress others with our sanctity, but just cultivate and live the holy life for God's glory. Your life will tell, God will bless us, it is His way to bless and work through channels that are clean and empty and yielded.

Pray More—Talk Less

In a certain city church the pastor, a very able man, was unsound in doctrine. There were three godly men in that church who were aware of this serious fault in their pastor. They did not go around among the congregation stirring up dissatisfaction with the pastor, but they covenanted together to meet each Saturday night and pray for him. Saturday after Saturday they met and prayed until late in the night and then on Sunday morning they would go to church, sit in their places and watch for the answer to their prayers. One Sunday morning, as usual, the pastor arose to speak, but it soon became evident that God had transformed his ideas and the man was himself transformed and it is stated that the greatest revival this city had ever had came through the man who was transformed by the prayers of his members. It is certain that if we would talk less to one another against our ministers, and more to God on their behalf, we would have far better ministers than we have now.

"Revivals are the result of Christians 'walking by the Spirit.' They should not come at intervals, but every healthy church should be experiencing one constant revival, and every healthy Christian should be conquering sinfulness in the flesh and enjoying a daily walk with God and power with both God and man."

"To be happy you must work. The most miserable people in this world are those who do not work and who live without aims or ambitions."

Paul Warns Against the Love of Money

"For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim. 6:10 R. V.). Those who persist in this love are "led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows." In this letter to Timothy Paul writes especially for a "good minister of Jesus Christ." In this minister we may well include Sunday School teachers. Now listen to the exhortation to us who teach the Word of God. "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life." Many evangelists and teachers of the Word have been sidetracked by the love of money. When money motivates a life, that life becomes spiritually useless.—Ira E. David.

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high commission find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding all mankind.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

—John Oxenham.

A Model Christian, in Life, in Death

"But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55).

Paget Wilkes once said, "Elsewhere we read of our Lord sitting at the right hand of God; but when the first Christian martyr went home (as recorded above), he saw Jesus standing, and I can imagine the Lord standing and calling upon all the hosts of heaven to witness the scene, saying, 'There is the product of my atonement. Look at his face, listen to his voice. That is what my salvation can do.' Can God take you in your workshop and in the ordinary walk of life and so let you go through fierce persecution and trial, that when you come through victorious He can say, 'That is the product of my atonement, a life that glorifies God in every little thing.'"—*Spiritual Life*.

The World Shaped by Prayers

God shapes the world by prayers. Prayers are deathless. The lips that uttered them may be closed in death, the heart that felt them may have ceased to beat, but the prayers live before God, and God's heart is set on them and prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world. That man is most immortal who has done the most and best praying. They are God's heroes, God's saints, God's servants, God's vicegerents. The prayers of God's saints are the capital stock in heaven by which Christ carries on His great work on earth. The great throes and mighty convulsions on earth are the results of these prayers. Earth is changed, revolutionized, angels move on more powerful, more rapid wing, and God's policy is shaped as the prayers are more numerous, more efficient. It is true that the mightiest successes that

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BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 2:15.

God Has His Hand on Me

Dear friends everywhere, I am so glad I am able to write a few words of how much God has meant to me in these past two years. He has meant everything. Praise His name. He got hold of me over nine years ago, in the year of 1930. I can tell you the place and the time. I recall the time when my father was living. We lived in a town named St. Paul, Pa. We lived there about thirteen years. My sad time was when my father died. I was fourteen years of age. Father died January 30, 1930. We moved from there to Hollidaysburg, Pa. After a few weeks of living there I heard there was a new church that had come to town, a Church of God meeting. I told my mother I was going that night.

At that time I could hardly talk, neither could I walk. I was in an awful condition. God only knows how much I suffered. I went to church that night and sat on the back seat. The people began to sing and shout, clap their hands, dance around and praise God with a loud voice. That night after service I told mother I was going back again. Mother was eager to go also. We went the next night. It was time for service to begin and I could hardly wait. Those people got so happy again. All at once something got hold of me. I couldn't sit still. I could hardly wait until the altar service. They gave an opportunity for sinners to seek God and to that altar I went. I remember that old hymn, "Who Is That Knocking." The young people were filling the altar. God was blessing the young the same as the old. When I was in the altar the devil was doing some fast talking to me. He told me the people were looking and laughing at me. I said, "Get behind me, devil, I am going through with God." I didn't get completely satisfied that night. The next night came and I went back to the altar again. I was so afflicted in my body I hardly knew how to pray. I told God if He would only heal me I would be His missionary. From that time God has proven Himself to be a real God, a real healer, and a real keeper. Praise His name forever!

Something spoke to me and said, "How can you go to school when you cannot talk?" I was determined by the help and grace of God to try to talk. It wasn't long afterwards until I got in the Church of God Bible School. My tongue can never tell how much that two years' training has meant to me. When you see me, those who knew me before I went to school, you can tell that the Church of God Bible School is a good place to go. I have one year paid for but I owe on my

second term of school. I know God is able to help me get that paid before October, the opening of another session. Friends, pray for me. When my schooling is finished I have a calling to go to South India. I can't do anything only through the help of God and the co-operation of the people, someone who will back me up and give me instructions. People have been nice to me in every way. My headquarters are in Greenville, S. C. God always provides a place for me to stay and something for me to eat. God only knows how to prepare me for the mission field. I know He has His hand on me and will keep me, one who feels the call of God. Remember anyone who hinders God's ambassadors it will be woe unto him at the judgment day. This does not apply to the preachers only but to anyone who knows right from wrong.

I am a poor boy in this world all alone. I have no mother or father to look to, only my heavenly Father. Mother died when I was eighteen years of age. God will take care of His own. You never miss your mother and dad until after they are gone. In my closing remarks let me advise everyone who has the opportunity to come to the Bible School in Sevierville, Tenn., to do so. May God add His blessing to all. Anyone who feels like helping me through school, it will be greatly appreciated. Remember me in your prayers.—A boy who loves God with his whole soul and body, Carl T. Williams, 314 Green Avenue, Greenville, S. C.

He Gave His Life For Me

NOKOMIS, Fla.—Dear saints of God, truly I want to praise God this morning for His precious Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life for me and everyone that we could have the right to the tree of life. Thank God because I wasn't too hard-hearted to heed the Lord when He knocked at my heart's door. I have been in this good way seven years and it still holds good today. I'm not one bit tired of it, but encouraged to see my soon coming King.

Dear ones, I'm looking for Jesus. Surely He won't tarry much longer. I feel like the time is drawing nigh. I can see the signs appearing. We as Christians should be on the watch; we should be in prayer always, we should keep our minds on Jesus and not on the ungodly things of this world. We can see so many of our dear brothers and sisters who were once shouting the victory and praying for the sick and they were healed, now so careless and unconcerned, going inch by inch back into the things of the world. If we love the ungodly things of this world the love of the Father is not in us. I hate sin this morning as badly as I did seven years ago. I haven't any use for the devil nor any of his works. I report victory

right now, am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. Thank the Lord. I'm glad for that good experience of salvation that's real and right and we have to live it if we make it through the pearly gate.

Dear ones, we should all move up; the enemy is creeping into the Church of God so fast. Have we the love for one another like we ought to have? It has got to where you can meet some brother or sister on the street and they act like they don't care whether they speak or not. They are Church of God people too. Dear ones, the days are evil; it's going to take the whole armor of God to make it through. We have all got to stand before the judgment bar of God and I want my record clear, don't you? I realize that I have come short many times and failed my dear Lord but I feel more determined this morning to go through with Jesus. I praise Him for everything He means to me. Praise Him because He has healed my body and my companion and children's bodies so many times. He healed one of my little boys when death had already taken hold. Praise God, He came on the scene and healed him instantly. I give God all the praise for that. I can't tell all the Lord has done for me, He's done so much. I want all who read this to pray for the little band here at Nokomis, we are few in number but when we meet the Lord meets with us. Pray for our little Sunday School that it will rise and shine for Jesus.—Mrs. C. P. Haynes.

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"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood," Acts 20: 28.

As we are coming to the close of another year, also nearing the coming of the Son of man, my thoughts have been on this blood-bought Church in many ways. We see the church being underfed, spiritually. As the time is almost here to place pastors for another year, I have been thinking how many ministers are looking forward to where they are going. Are they thinking of the church that can feed them, or are they asking God to place them over the church they can feed and take care of? Many times we let ourselves get in the way and God can't use us to His glory.

It is with regret that I say the Church as a whole is not where it ought to be. We don't stand by the rulings and teachings of the Church as we should. The pastors in some places are letting down on the standard. We say we have the nearest teaching to the Bible but lots of times we fail to practice what we teach. We see many large towns where there is no Church of God and people know nothing about it, when God's Word said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Many times ministers seem to be afraid they won't get pay for going in the new fields, but God tells us He will be with us and supply our needs. In these last days God expects this gospel to be carried to all the world. We have missionaries in the far-off field, still there is much mission work near by that could be done. Can we say like Paul, "I am pure from the blood of all men"? Can we say we have cared for and fed this blood-bought Church as we should?

Not long ago a pastor and some members were talking about a member who hadn't been to church for a long time. The pastor said to the members, "If any of you see him, talk to him, for I don't think I would know him." He had been pastoring the place for almost two years and that member lived seven or eight miles from the church.

Now for the members of the local blood-bought churches. We often see

some who want to boost the Church by word of mouth, but I am glad that the Word says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." If we love this Church we are going to support it and the pastor. I have known of churches where the members said they loved their pastor. He would buy gas and ride eighteen or twenty miles to midweek prayer meeting and maybe only one or perhaps not even one male member be there, some living in a mile of the church; but when they did take a notion to come, how they met that pastor with a big hug and kiss. Sometimes I can't help but be reminded of Judas in the garden. Lots of times we hear some say, "Poor Brother So and So, I know he is having it hard, but God knows I am doing all I can to help him. God knows my heart." Yes, He does! "I would pay my tithes but I just can't, I am going to pay them some day," but just let that member get sick and he can make arrangements to pay the druggist or doctor when the Church of God teaches divine healing, and we ought to practice it. Many times they say, "I haven't got the faith to trust the Lord with my body," when God's Word says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." God, help us to get a glimpse of the price of this Church.

I have known members who didn't pay tithes, trust the Lord with their bodies or have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but when the church was to meet in conference or business they would be sure to be there to be foreman of the business part. No wonder the Church has almost lost its power. God, help us to not stand in the way; let's move up or out of the way. Don't be a hindrance or bring reproach on this priceless Church. I have visited two other churches of other denominations recently and they seemed to be much more devoted to their church duties than many members of the Church of God.

Let me say right out of a heart full of love, we need more Church of God material—not just your name on the books. God, help us to realize that we must climb higher. The time is short and God is expecting us to live what we profess, to be hot or cold or we will be spued out of His mouth.

lieve this one was the best of all from every viewpoint. The nice, spacious school auditorium was donated for the occasion. This came as an offering from the superintendent and patrons of the school, which meant more to us than they can ever know. Then too, the motive back of this, coupled with the royal reception given us by the officials of the town and its citizens, went a long way towards making this convention the success it was, for it seemed that our people felt more at home and freer in yielding to the leadings of the Spirit of God than ever before.

Having been born and reared in Webster county I was not surprised by the hospitality shown us by this people whom I have known and loved since childhood, many of whom were playmates in school and have been lifelong friends. The Lord surely will reward them.

Brother T. W. Godwin was in charge and we feel that his devoted Spirit-filled life was one of the main factors which contributed to the success of the convention, both the ministry and the laity hold him in high esteem, not only as an overseer but as a kind, sympathetic Christian brother.

Brother R. P. Johnson, our Assistant General Overseer, was also with us, for which we thank the Lord, and oh, how God did use him to search our hearts and inspire us to yield ourselves more unreservedly to the Lord. Truly his inspiring messages were the most outstanding element of the whole convention. Mississippi always looks forward to Brother Johnson's soul-stirring, helpful messages in our state conventions.

We were so very thankful to have with us a number of our brothers and sisters from other states, among whom was our former state overseer, Brother T. M. McClendon, his wife and daughter. We are sure they feel that their visit to Mississippi was not in vain.

We shall not have space to mention all the speakers and their subjects, but I am sure God has it on His great record and I want to say that surely everyone must have been at his best, for I've never heard God's Word preached with more boldness, and I don't think I ever heard ministers plead more for people to fully surrender to God. In every service where opportunity was given the altar was filled with earnest seekers, and my! in these services there was such a mighty volume of prayer to God that it almost lifted one's soul right up into the presence of heaven. Scores were wonderfully blessed because of the presence and power of the Lord.

I didn't keep count of the number that prayed through but there was quite a few, also a number was added to the church, among whom were two ministers from another Pentecostal movement. My,

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

Mississippi State Convention

The Mississippi state convention convened at Eupora, Miss. Aug. 10-13.

In the beginning I want to say it has been my privilege for twenty years to attend these conventions and I verily be-

how the presence of the Lord hovered over us as these precious souls presented themselves for membership in the Church of God. Oh, there were so many blessed things transpired that one person can hardly tell it all.

One thing noticeable in this convention was that a goodly number of the ministers stayed with the seekers through the altar service. This always speaks well for a meeting and ministers, for where the leaders show the proper interest it is always easy to enlist the help of the laity. "Lord, give us more ministers who feel their ministerial duties and obligations," should be the cry of every child of God.

We don't want to fail to mention our good singers and quartets from the different churches in the state, who were a great blessing, and we want to say right here, when it comes to singers we feel that Mississippi has some of the best. We were very, very fortunate to have with us Brother Owell Denson of the Bible Training School, who is a worthy brother with great musical talent, and my, I've never heard better singing in all my life. At times it seemed that the very air about us was filled with heavenly music.

The reports from the different districts were inspiring and we rejoiced to know that great progress is being made in Mississippi.

The Sunday School and Young People's Endeavor work under the leadership of our state superintendent, Brother Roy Douglas, just keeps on keeping on. We have always known that Sunday School is a wonderful asset to any church, but until recent years we haven't known so much about the Young People's Endeavor, but I want to say that I have watched the progress of this auxiliary from its beginning and I am fully convinced of its worth.

The Ladies Willing Worker Band report was given by Sister Roy Douglas, state superintendent, who is cheerfully filling her place. The L. W. W. B's have been doing a wonderful work this year. May the Lord bless them as they labor for His cause.

The Sunday morning service was devoted to the mission cause and the soul-stirring message on this subject by Brother Johnson brought tears to the eyes of most every one present and we caught a glimpse of our mission work and responsibility concerning it. A mission offering was taken, making a total of \$388.63.

There was also an offering of \$46.64 given to the orphans for which we thank and praise God. This was a very impressive service and we were reminded that there are many ways that we can help in this very worthy cause.

There were quite a few more special features that we would like to mention but space forbids, however, we do want to say again that we are thankful to God

our heavenly Father for His sweet presence and rich blessings throughout the convention and we earnestly request your sincere prayers that we will go forward over here in Mississippi with the work of God upon our hearts, realizing that the coming of the Lord is so very near that what we do must be done quickly.—Mrs. Mary L. Tidwell, Richey, Miss.

Louisiana State Convention and Camp Meeting

The Louisiana state convention and camp meeting convened at Shepherds Fold, La. Aug. 18-24, camp meeting; Aug. 24-27, convention. God met with us in a wonderful way from the first day and made the soul of every one glad.

Our state overseer, Brother Clyde C. Cox, a wonderful man of God, was in charge. We were fortunate enough to have Brother A. H. Batts of Rome, Ga., to preach at night during the camp meeting. Every one enjoyed this preaching. The services were completed with the Holy Ghost present. Every service was a success. Thanks be to God! Brother R. P. Johnson, our Assistant General Overseer, was with us for the convention and stirred our hearts with his powerful messages. In everything it was the best convention ever held in Louisiana. The welcome address was given by Brother O. L. McManus, the pastor at Shepherds Fold. The convention was declared open Thursday evening at 7:30 by Brother Cox. After making a fine talk he turned the service over to Brother R. P. Johnson and the Holy Ghost. The singing was wonderful, the message was the best I ever heard. Praise God!

The service opened Friday with choir songs and special singing by quartets. Appointing of committees was followed by Brother W. F. Ainsworth bringing a wonderful message. Afternoon service opened with fine singing. A message was brought by Brother S. B. Webb. Friday night we really had a feast. After the special songs Brother Batts and Brother Johnson preached. The power of God really came down; the presence of the Lord was there and felt by everyone.

Saturday morning Brother O. L. McManus preached for us on "Bible Study." Brother R. P. Johnson gave us a lecture on "The Church of God at Work." This was wonderful. Brother Johnson preached Saturday night after some of the churches reported and the Holy Ghost blessed us all in this service.

Sunday morning service was the best of all. It opened with good singing, special songs, etc. Report of churches followed after which we had more special songs. Brother Johnson then spoke to us from the subject "Go Ye." The message was soul-stirring and effective for the mission cause. May God continue to bless Brother Johnson in his work. An offering

of \$105.54 was given and a ring came in the offering also. Brother J. D. Carter delivered a fine message in the afternoon, followed by the reporting of all committees. Sunday night after the devotional service Brother Clyde C. Cox preached for us. The Lord blessed us all. All in all it was the best state convention ever held in Louisiana. God is blessing the work all over the state. May the Church of God move on.—Brother Reuben Penton, reporter, Bogalusa, La.

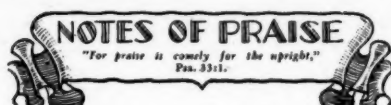
Victory in Jesus

BRISTOL, Tenn.—As this another assembly year closes we are thankful for all that God has done for us. We feel that this has been the greatest year of our Church. We lift our voices with one accord in thanksgiving to Him for the success of this year. Praise His holy name! Surely we can never praise Him enough. Just to know that we, His children, have been kept from evil brings joy unspeakable to our souls. And then greater still, He has heard our prayers and rescued other precious souls.

We are thankful to give a brief report of a most successful three weeks' revival which closed Sept. 2. Never shall we forget the wonderful presence of Jesus in these services. Brother A. J. Swift of Johnson City, Tenn., being divinely anointed, preached the Word "just where we stand," piercing the hearts of the unsaved, enlightening believers to the need of sanctification and placing a hunger in sanctified hearts for the Holy Ghost. We thank the Lord for twenty-three souls that were saved, eleven sanctified and seven filled with the Holy Ghost. We are unable to express our sincere appreciation to Brother Swift for his faithful efforts with us in this revival. There is only One who can reward his efforts and we expect to be there when Brother Swift presents these sheaves, and rejoice with him. May God continue to direct his steps in this journey with Christ.

Again, we praise God for our faithful pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Cook. He only understands how dearly we love and appreciate them and their never-tiring labors during these four years. There is much we desire to say, but it all seems such weak expression of what they have meant to us and our church. May God bless all who have labored with us to make this a successful year, and all honor and praise to His matchless name.—Mrs. A. L. Waters, clerk, 1225 Broad St.

CLANTON, Ala. — We have just closed a two weeks' meeting with Sister Emma Newman doing the preaching. We surely had a wonderful meeting. Twenty were saved, eighteen sanctified and ten filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was wonderfully built up. Pray for the church at Oak Grove.—Willie Cleckler, clerk, Rt. 2.



Found the Way of Holiness

EAST NEW MARKET, Md.—I thank God that I have found the way of holiness, without which no man shall see God, Heb. 12:14.

I was a class leader of the Methodist church thirty-three years and captain of a band four years. I became dissatisfied and started praying, asking God for more of His blessing. At this time I didn't understand much about holiness and asked only for a blessing that I thought right. I continued praying. There was a hungering in my heart for more and more of God. I did not know what the thought was, but God was only getting me ready for His service. There was a continual burning in my soul for God.

One day as I went to pray something got hold of me. I fell down on my face before God and prayed earnestly until the power of God fell and I lost myself. I found myself on my back. I never had any light on sanctification, but a voice spoke to me saying, "Ask the Lord to sanctify you," so I obeyed, saying from the bottom of my heart only three times, "Sanctify me! sanctify me! sanctify me!" At once joy filled my soul. What a happy man I was. The more I praised Him the more the joy continued until something else took place. Praise God, the Holy Ghost took up His abode. I wasn't sure so I began to pray again and began speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Then I knew it was He. When I went to the house I began telling my experience. Some of the saints were there. I began telling them how I often asked God for the old time religion and God didn't hold all these good things from me, for it was promised to us by the prophets of old.

I always desired faith to heal the sick. In my home my brother was very ill. I asked him if he wanted to be healed and he said, "Yes." Right then I laid both hands on his shoulder and the power of God was manifested and the brother was completely healed. He said that the signs shall follow them that believe. At the age of sixty-two years I received this wonderful blessing. From that day until now I haven't regretted one moment of my life. If you are a Methodist or what, never mind your preacher, for when I started this way all of my church people went back on me but I continued and God is blessing me right on. And too, nearly all the members of that church are now members of the Church of God.—Brother David Jones.

This testimony was quoted in the Maryland, Delaware and district convention (colored) in which God wonderfully

blessed. We had with us our state overseer Brother W. E. Raney, and district pastor, Elder A. L. Stanley.—Lloyd L. Palmer, Seaford, Del.

WEST GASTONIA, N. C.—I truly praise the Lord for what He has been to me. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the good Holy Ghost. I praise God for His healing power; He heals me when I get sick. I am the only one who is saved in my home, but I am glad God's grace is sufficient to carry us through. I praise God for the Church of God. I am proud I am a member of it and I like to read the Church of God Evangel. Praise God for our little church at W. Gastonia and for the way He blesses us. I praise Him for our good, humble pastor, Brother Garland Grooms and his sweet wife. We also thank God for our Sunday School superintendent, Brother Stewart. Pray for us here.—Mrs. J. W. Vanderburg, Rt. 1.

WHITESIDE, Tenn.—I feel that the Lord will be pleased in my writing this to His glory. Over ten years ago my husband and I were both sinners. My husband got into some serious trouble and was tried for murder. It seemed everything pointed against him. We had a lawyer as a natural standpoint, but there were some true saints of God pleading in his behalf. When the day came for the trial there were some of God's children who stayed home and fasted and prayed for him, so he came clear. We know it was God who did it. About a year after that we gave our hearts to God. He saved, sanctified and gave us the Holy Ghost and we came into the Church of God. We trusted the Lord for both soul and body and also for our children.

About the first real test we had on divine healing our little boy two years old took colitis. He was sick a week and was getting worse all the time. We called in some saints to pray for him. My husband's brother-in-law was there, who fought divine healing. After we prayed the child got up and walked to the porch and asked for his uncle and sat in his lap and talked and he hadn't been able to notice anything in almost a week. He was completely healed right then. Praise His name! He has healed our family so many times.

We have a little boy who is seven years old. He has been an invalid from birth; he weighs only about twenty-eight pounds now; when he was two years old he couldn't hold his head up. We took him to the Assembly. Brother Rouse prayed for him and in about two weeks he could sit alone. The next year he was blind in one eye and almost blind in the other. We let Brother Rouse pray for him again; in just a few days his eyes had cleared up and he can see as well as any

child. The Lord is so wonderful. My husband is a backslider. Now since he backslid we have doctors with this child. They said he had infantile paralysis. We took him to Warm Springs, Ga., to the hospital. The doctors there said he didn't have infantile paralysis and nothing could be done for him, but I am still trusting the Lord for him. He had a bad spell about two weeks ago. We thought he was dying; we laid the Evangel on him and prayed and God healed him. He hasn't been sick since; he can't walk but I am trusting the Lord that he will. I know the Lord is able to make him walk. I haven't taken a dose of anything in over nine years. I have been to death's door, seemingly, but the Lord has been with me.—Mrs. A. C. Johnson.

My Heart Is Stirred

I praise the Lord for His goodness to lost men and women. Surely His mercy endures forever. Praise the Lord for the good Church of God that I love. Why we ought to love it, for Christ is the head and we the body.

I got hold of one of the Minutes a while back and I thank the Lord for the good brothers who made the rules, for dear brothers and sisters, they are watching for our souls, to keep us out of danger, but when I look around and see some of our dear brothers and sisters, especially our sisters, who fail to dress as our good brothers who are over us have ordered, oh, if they could only realize. We pray for revivals and they stand in the way because they fail to dress as our Minutes call for. I know if they could only know it was a sin, that they're standing in the way of our revivals, they surely would dress right. They say, "Surely it is no harm to wear short sleeves." The Bible plainly says to obey the ones who are over us in the Lord. When we fail to dress as they say, sin lieth at our door. God help me not to be too hard, but when we see God's power withheld because of disobedience my heart is stirred.

Pray for me to stand true and be a blessing to our church. I write this with all the love for our good Church and our good sisters and brothers.—Mrs. Ora Madron, Box 95, McFarland, Calif.

INDIO, Calif.—I praise the Lord because He means everything to me. I praise Him for the way I feel in both soul and body. I praise Him for healing me of heart trouble and high blood pressure. I had many doctors to treat me for eight years and I suffered with these dreadful diseases but, praise the Lord, about ten weeks ago the Lord came to me in a way to make me understand that there was a Doctor greater than ever. Praise His holy name.

I praise the Lord for answering prayers.

If we will only believe Him He will come to our rescue. Glory to His name.

I am glad I am in this good way; it just suits me. I am glad that the Lord saw fit to save a soul like me, glad He filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost and fire. I feel it burning now on the altar of my soul. I am glad I belong to God. My whole desire is to be lowly, meek, long-suffering, and have faith and the love of God so strong that I may always wear a shining smile for Jesus and always have a good word to speak to the lost. I haven't been in this way long but it has been the most precious and the happiest time of my life. Pray that I will always have a word too for Jesus.—Mrs. Effie Eason, Box 886.

SAMPSON, Ky.—I really thank the Lord for saving my soul, sanctifying me and giving me the precious Holy Ghost. Oh, Jesus means all and everything to me. I don't belong to the Church of God but I really believe the Church of God doctrine and I trust the Lord that I can get to the place where I can be added to the Church of God and be a loyal Church of God member.

Dear young boys and girls everywhere, won't you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? I am just a young girl sixteen years of age, but I've been a Christian nearly two years and I've never found anything sweeter than my Savior. May God bless everyone who reads this. Please pray for us in this country, for prayer is indeed needed.—Miss Elsie Opal Hamlin.

VINCENT, Ala.—I praise God for what He means to me; I praise Him for His healing power for He has healed in my home many times. I was saved about a year ago, later sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and am still shouting the victory. I was saved in a revival conducted by Brother Oliver Thomas, evangelist from the Church of God at Childersburg, Ala.

I had been very sick for eighteen months or longer and Brother Oliver was preaching divine healing. I had already undergone one operation and the doctor said I would have to go back to the hospital, but I began to seek God and have the saints pray for me some time in July and I was able to pick cotton and pull corn in September. I have many friends and neighbors to testify to this being true. I could not eat anything for indigestion, now I eat anything. God also healed me of appendicitis.

Brother Oliver can really preach the Word of God and win souls for Him. Please pray that God will give us a church. There are twelve members in this community and about eight to fifteen in the altar seeking the blessing every service. It is about five miles to the near-

est Church of God and this is a needy field. We have service about once every two weeks. Please pray for us and this community.—Mrs. Lola Mae Chambless, Rt. 1.

HURRICANE, W. Va.—Dear readers, I praise my Redeemer and King for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I thank and praise Him for the healing power. Last summer our little boy took the typhoid fever and I really believe if God hadn't come to our rescue he would not be with us today. Oh, that we were closer to Him. He is so precious to us. This summer my husband took sick. How he did suffer. We all thought he was about to leave us. I asked him to let me call the doctor and he said no. I didn't know what to do. We were the only people in our community who really believed, so I could not call for the saints to pray. Well, I began to call on God in my weak way. He seemingly went to sleep. I had no Evangel but had one of the Lighted Pathways, so I got it and laid it on his body and asked God to do the healing. Praise God, according to John 4:49, 52 he was healed. I really praise God for it. Many times God has healed in our home. I feel that many prayers have gone up in our behalf since my husband has been out of work. I thank and praise God for answering prayer.

There is no work established in this community but we are praying God that a work will be set up here that will stand in eternity.—Mrs. J. L. Criner, Rt. 1, Box 57-A.

I praise the Lord because about two months ago He healed my husband. He was suffering as though he couldn't stand much more. I called for some of the church members to come pray and for some cause they never came so I had to call on the Lord myself. I thought about the Evangel and laid it on his side and began to cry and pray. I cried and prayed until the Lord heard and answered my prayer.

I am glad because I have faith in the paper that comes to my home once a week, and because I can trust this great Friend Jesus, One who never fails us if we will get humble before Him.

I was suffering one Sunday and it seemed like I would smother to death. I would raise up in bed and fight for breath. It just seemed as though I would die. When it seemed like I had stood all I could Brother O. J. Plake, our pastor at the time, and several of the good members came in and began to cry and pray and call on the Lord. Brother Plake said, "I don't see why the Lord doesn't heal," and about that time the power began to fall and the Lord healed my body and what a wonderful meeting we had. I

know I have something to praise the Lord for because He has healed my body.

We find in the Bible where He said let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. I praise Him because when He gave me this wonderful Holy Ghost He took the things of this world away from me. Too, we read in the Bible where He said He that loveth the things of the world the love of God is not in him. The time has come when we can't tell many Church of God members from the world. Why? Because they are trying to keep up with every style. Oh, how we need to get back to our first love, forget about everything but the love of Jesus and poor lost souls that need the Holy Ghost. Poor lost souls lay in the altar and people sit on their seats as though no one was in the altar. Oh, how we need to wake up because souls are dying every day without God. Church of God members, let's move up, let's quit being so much like the world; let's dress as becometh holiness, go where holiness ought to go. I am glad because I love the Church of God and its teachings just suit me and because I am a member of it. I am glad because I took it as my choice. Everyone pray that God will help me do His will.—Mae Freeman.

HILTON, Ga.—I praise God that on Aug. 14, 1921, I was saved and sanctified. On the 15th of August, 1921, the Holy Ghost came as a rushing mighty wind as in Acts 2:2. Praise His wonderful name, I can feel the fire burning in my soul.

I preached in the Assembly of God church for seventeen years. Praise God for showing me the light on the Church of God. Oh, how I love its doctrine; how I want to be more like Jesus every day.

Pray that the Lord will keep His hand on me and I can be a soul winner for Him, also pray for this place.—J. A. Faircloth. R. F. D. 1.

BALDWIN, Fla.—Approximately ten years ago I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. My husband did not want me to be holiness so he insisted that I join the Methodist church, so I let him pull me back and practically ever since then I have been up and down. It was impossible for me to keep the blessing where the people ignored it. In the meantime I would pray God to make me a blessing. About two weeks ago along came Brother and Sister T. D. Chesser to preach in a tent here and under their preaching and impression God convicted me and made me realize my shortcomings. By the help of Brother and Sister Chessers' prayers in a cottage prayer meeting God wonderfully restored my joy and I feel more like traveling on than ever. May God bless Brother and Sister Chesser. They were the means of

my getting back to God. I lived a life of suspense for ten years. Please pray for me that I will hold on by the amazing grace of God, until the battle is won.—Mrs. G. T. Handley.

PRINCETON, N. C. — I praise God for the way He has blessed in my home. A few weeks ago I accidentally ran my hand in an electric wringer and God surely came on the scene right then, because when I got it out it did not hurt and has not ever hurt, although it was some sore, but I have been able to do all my work ever since just as I did before.

I praise and thank the Lord that I am a member of the Church of God. I need your prayers. Pray for me to get the baptism of the Holy Ghost and God to save all my children and my husband to see the light on the Church as I do. As it is, we are divided and I want all to be together. I don't get to go to church as there is not one at this place. I look for my Evangel and thank the Lord for being so good to me anyway. I praise the Lord for telling me of a certain thing a few weeks ago which was a great help and blessing to me and something I would never have had any other way. Please pray for me.—Mrs. Myrtle M. Hinton.

He Has Given Me Strength and Courage

I praise the Lord for what He has done in answer to prayer. I wrote a request to the Evangel for my mother, and, praise the Lord, she was up and came to see me before the Evangel came. I know the Lord healed her and will heal me if I keep trusting and wait upon Him. He has given me strength and courage and I thank Him for it.

I want everyone to keep praying. The doctor will graft skin again soon. Pray that I will come through all right. I am trusting and praying. I will go to the operating room praying, if I have to go, and I want every one of you to pray.

Anyone who has any tracts, I surely would appreciate them. I read my Evangel through every week before I quit. Anyone who feels led, please write to me.—Mrs. Maudine Graves, King's Daughters Hospital, Greenville, Miss.

Many Needy Fields

PELL CITY, Ala. — Dear saints, I praise the Lord for His wonderful love, what He has been to me for nineteen years and what He is to me now. Praise His name. Oh, I want to be faithful a few more days. It won't be long until the Lord will call the true ones away.

I want to say to the dear ministers who are able in body, don't lose any of the precious days, if the Lord has called you, for there are so many needy fields that

are saying, "Come over and help us." How I am praying for the Lord to help the able-bodied preachers to get the "go ye" spirit more in their hearts for new places. I know there is lots of suffering in hard places but the reward is great. The tears of joy are falling now as I think of the nine years that we spent in new fields, telling the lost about Jesus. We had to suffer many hard trials but counted it great joy.

I am forty-five years old; I am not in good health and haven't been in over a year. I cannot do as much in the gospel work as I have in the past, but I still have the "go ye" in my soul and don't feel I will ever lose that. Many are still shouting the victory who received salvation under my preaching. You who read this, whisper a word of prayer for me. How I would like to see all of you together. If we be true it will not be long, then we will be glad that we did what we could and did not ask for the good places that some other preachers suffered and built up but dug up places ourselves. That is a good way to have a place, work up some place for yourself.

I sometimes wonder if there are too many preachers. Sometimes there are two or three after the same church. Then I think that there might too many of that kind but not too many on the battlefield suffering. Praise the dear Lord.

Please pray for our boy to receive the blessing; pray for the work at Pell City. How I thank the Lord for the true ones here, for the little parsonage the Lord has given us to live in, and above all for the blessings souls get. May the Lord bless all is my prayer. If anyone feels like it, write me a letter.—Mrs. Darie St. John.

Determined to Trust God

WEST POINT, Tenn.—I thank and praise God for old time, Holy Ghost salvation and for being a member of the Church of God. I praise Him for His wonderful power to heal.

We had an affliction something like the itch for about eighteen months. We suffered lots of persecution. The devil got mad because we would not doctor it, but we were determined to fully trust God. People talked about stopping our children from school and threatened us with the law. We prayed and held on to God for His will to be done and help us to endure. James 1:12 tells us, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried, he shall receive a crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him." God is going to have a tried people who will trust Him, regardless of the cost. Psalms 118:8, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Jer. 17:5, "Thus saith the Lord, Cursed be the man who trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." It is go-

ing to pay to follow Jesus and His Word. We must if we are ready to go to the Marriage Supper with Jesus.

At the beginning of our affliction sinners people did the persecuting, but after the disease lasted us so long and we would use no medicine some of the church members (I mean Church of God members) began to persecute us and advise us to get rid of it, telling us it was a filthy disease. But nothing that was said or done had any effect, for we were determined to hold on to God and His Word. We find in Psalms 103:3, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Praise His good name, tonight finds us healed, for which we thank and praise God. He gets all the praise, for we never used any kind of medicine or homemade remedies, just left it up to God. He has healed in our home many times. He is a friend to depend on. Bless His name. I want to die in the faith. God's Word tells us that without faith it is impossible to please Him, so we should contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints.

Pray for me to live humble before God, that He can have His way in my life and that I will stay on the firing line for Jesus and His Church.—Frank Gallaher.

VINCENT, Ala.—I am so glad to report victory in my soul. The dear Lord sanctified me and gave me the baptism and infilling of the mighty and wonderful Holy Ghost around twenty-four years ago. Satan has worked me many a hardship and sorrow but God's grace has always been sufficient for me.

I was afflicted with rheumatism last spring. I got so bad I could not walk. I sent in a request for prayer for the healing of my body and I am glad to say I am healed and can walk and get around just fine. Thank the Lord.

We really praise God for our new pastor and his dear wife. We really think they are being led of the Lord. May the Lord bless and keep all His children in my prayer.—Mattie Ball.

I thank God for His healing power. We find in James 5:14, 15, "If any is sick among you let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up. Praise God for that wonderful healing power today.

I was sick with chills. It seemed I could go no further, but, praise His name, He came to my rescue. I had four chills. My last one the fever went to one hundred five and four-fifths. It seemed that I could not stay here any longer. We had prayer. God blessed; the power of God was in our midst but the chill came on. My husband had my aunt called for.

They thought I would not last long. Sunday was my chill day again. The neighbors thought I would die if I didn't take some medicine, but praise the Lord, in Heb. 13:15 the last clause, we find some more comforting word, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Praise God, on Sunday morning the saints came in fasting, and God came on the scene. God's healing power came down and the chill demon had to leave. Glory to God. God's Word never fails, if there is any failing it is on our part.

I need the prayer of all that I will stand true. Pray for my unsaved husband; he has never asked me to take a dose of medicine until now but I refused and held on to God. He seemed more touched than ever. Pray for our home that it will be a Christian home.—Mrs. Hester Lee, Rt. 2, Oakland, Miss.

LANCASTER, S. C.—I praise the Lord for saving my soul and sanctifying me by His own precious blood. I took very sick and was taken to the hospital, but did not seem to improve any. I stayed there five days then I was carried home but got worse. I stayed at home only two weeks when I was carried back, then I gave it up to God. I had an awful bad feeling in my breast. I promised God if He would heal me I would testify to it and I intend to keep my promise. I also praise His dear name for keeping me able to be in the service and for the blessings to my soul. Praise His blessed name.

I desire the prayers of all; meet me in glory. Praise His name.—Mrs. J. S. Vivrette, 508 N. Tillery St., Rocky Mount, N. C.

Felt His Presence

LAKE PLACID, Fla.—I really praise the Lord for what I feel in my soul. Thank God for that desire to go on with Jesus. I praise God for healing my brother's little girl some time ago. She was surely a sick baby. The doctor and nurses seemed to be worried about the case. On Thursday morning I went to take the baby's mother to the hospital to see her. The little one lay burning up with fever. The mother looked at her with tears in her eyes, and oh, my heart did ache. I knew if something wasn't done quickly the baby would have to go. On the other hand, I knew God could heal. My mother stayed at the hospital with the baby as the baby's mother had been out of the hospital only a short time and wasn't able to lift the baby. We left the hospital and went by Sister Alma Williams and told her to have a special prayer for the baby at church. At this time Brother Johnston was conducting a revival at Sebring, Fla.

That night around nine o'clock mother and I were still with the baby. We heard the Sebring folk when they started praying, the church being not far from the

hospital. I said to mother, "Right now they are praying for that baby." No quicker said than done, the baby went to sleep, her fever cooled and she slept all night, and this baby's mother felt the presence of it.

The next day we phoned my brother to come get the baby, and what a happy daddy he was. The baby has been mending from that very night.

Now the baby's mother and daddy used to have the sweet Holy Ghost, also my mother, but all three have backslidden, I being the only one in my family or my husband's family trying to live for God, but I still feel like traveling on. Pray especially that my mother, brother and sister-in-law will come back to Jesus before it is too late.—Annie Collier.

I Mean to Cling to the Cross

MATTHEWS, Mo.—I was saved at the age of sixteen. My father doesn't believe in holiness. He wouldn't let me go to church and I backslid. I lived in sin for three years, but, dear ones, not one moment of that time did I see any peace. I was never satisfied; I longed for something all the time. I would wake up at night with fear in my heart. I was so miserable.

But thank God for some good holiness people who came up from Arkansas. They held a revival under a brush arbor. I would go to their meetings and when they'd make the altar call I'd want to go so badly. I knew God's Spirit was striving with my heart but I knew my daddy was there and I was afraid to go. But oh, there came a night when I couldn't put off that voice that was pleading so tenderly with my heart. I made my way to the altar. I prayed and prayed but I didn't go through that night. My daddy came in the altar after me. Dear friends, that hurt me more than anything anybody ever did to me. I went home, but I thank God that He didn't stop talking to my heart. The next day I was saved at the home of one of my friends.

My daddy still doesn't believe in holiness but I know there will be a way for us, for the Bible says, "If God be for us who can be against us?" I have had many trials but I mean to cling to the cross, the old rugged cross.

There are none in my family who have salvation but me. My dear mother died when I was twelve. I have kept house for my daddy and four brothers for nine years. My heart is so sad to know that my loved ones are not saved. I ask all of God's people to please pray for my loved ones, and pray that the Lord will baptize me with the Holy Ghost. I have prayed many times for this great blessing. Just pray that I'll be willing to forsake and give up everything. My desire is to live as close as ever a mortal person lived to the Lord. I want to live where He can

use me. Oh, we can see so much sin and destruction all around us. Pray that I'll be a soul winner for Jesus.

Dear girls everywhere, wake up and see what danger you are in. As I look about me each day I see so many dear young people who are going to and fro seeking contentment and finding none. You may say, "I get more pleasure out of dancing than anything I ever did." Yes, I used to dance some, but the pleasure you get out of dancing is nothing compared to serving God. I'm so glad I gave up everything for Jesus. If I could only help you, dear ones, if I could only make you understand.

Dear young people, you who have salvation and are tempted and tried, don't feel discouraged for if we don't bear the cross we can't wear the crown. Let us bear the cross meekly, thanking God for all things. My desire is to see souls saved, because I truly believe the end is near. I pray that God will bless my many friends and enemies too, if I have any. God bless you is my prayer.—Miss Vida Askins, Rt. 1, Box 270.

Holding On to God

CLIMAX, Ga.—Dear saints, we are in a revival at Bainbridge, Ga., and the Lord is blessing. Please pray for the revival here as there is much need of prayer.

I belong to the Church of God at Manatee, Fla., and am getting anxious to get back. Please pray for our church at Manatee and Brother and Sister Self. We dearly love Brother and Sister Self and pray that God will send them back another year. I am getting hungry to see all of our brothers and sisters at our home church; I praise God for all of them and for their humble prayers for me. Praise God! I can't praise God enough for what He means to me. Hallelujah! He means everything in the world to me. My unsaved husband is still seeking God. Please pray for him that he will gain more faith and believe. It seems sometimes he is gaining ground and it looks like he gets to doubting and can't get anywhere. I know he has a soul to be saved, and I am praying, trusting and holding on in faith that God will save his soul before he has to meet his call.

I truly praise God for the sweet Comforter I can feel in my soul right now. I praise Him for a deep-settled peace in my soul. I can feel His precious Spirit now.

I also praise God for the brothers and sisters at Bainbridge Church of God too. They all seem to love me and I love them. Brother and Sister O'Neal are surely nice to us. Brother O'Neal came out and took us to and from service. He is a good preacher. We love them all.

Pray for us and pray for our church. Pray for my father, mother and older

sister who are unsaved. My father and mother are getting feeble every day. It grieves my heart to look at the poor old feeble faces of the ones who toiled for me in my baby days and then to know they are about to come to the end of the way without God. Pray that God will break up their stony hearts and that they will see the light and give their hearts to God before it is too late. Pray for my other loved ones, also my husband, his mother, sister and brother to be saved and to see the way before it is too late.

I praise God for His healing power. I was sick with the flu once and Brother and Sister Self and Brother McCormick at Manatee, Fla., went to my mother-in-law's home and prayed with me. The Lord surely came on the scene and wonderfully healed. I was able to go back to work in two days.

I praise God for it all. He means all to me. I have been in the good way about four months and I am happy to say I still feel like traveling on. I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and fire. Praise Him for healing my body. Pray for me.—Fannie Lee Tomlinson, Box 84, Manatee, Fla.

Brought Closer to God Through Sickness

SPRAY, N. C.—On Wednesday morning, Aug. 16, our little boy four and one-half years old became very sick with a high fever and pains in his stomach and sides. He was delirious two or three nights. On Saturday night he had four hemorrhages from the nose and mouth. Our pastor, Brother R. H. Walker, and some of the saints had prayed several times. They all came after service Saturday night and prayed again. He did not have any more hemorrhages but his temperature was almost one hundred four degrees most of the time. He didn't seem to get any better.

We heard Brother L. G. Rouse was to be at Draper, which is about four miles away, on Sunday night, so I went down to see him. He came and prayed for him before service. He rested well that night but the next day there seemed to be no change in his condition at all. This made the test much harder as so many had prayed for him and we had heard of the wonderful healings God had performed through Brother Rouse. It was the darkest time I believe I ever went through, but still I was never tempted to have a doctor or give him any medicine as I was determined to trust the Lord until the end. Many times I remembered the words of Jesus as He said the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. It seemed I almost went through a funeral, but God was with me. Praise His name.

One night the last of the next week as I was praying it seemed the dark clouds rolled away and everything began to get

brighter and we felt that the work was done. The next day his fever left and he began to eat and get better. He got up a while Saturday evening. On Sunday morning he was able to go to Sunday School.

During this time the people were very much stirred and made some hard remarks. Some wanted to send the officers to investigate. On Monday they did send a doctor but he didn't find anything wrong with him then. He said he had had the flu and pneumonia.

We praise God for His healing power. We also praise Him for the ones who stood by us in prayer. I feel that this has brought me closer to God and that I am better qualified to face the world with a testimony for Jesus. Please pray for the Church of God here at Spray, it is a needy field.—Carlis S. Grogan, Box 437.

SHEFFIELD, Ala. — Dear brother, I thank you for the anointed cloth for my wife. Thank you for praying with me for my wife. Thank God for healing her body.

On Aug. 20 at twenty minutes until three o'clock I read Psa. 23:1, also Psa. 24:1. Oh, glory to God, how He did bless me and show me how He healed my wife and she is at home with me. Praise the Lord.

Pray for me and my lost children. Thank God for His sanctifying power, Rom. 15:16.—Emery McGee, 1502 26th St.

Dear saints of God everywhere, I am thanking God for the way He is blessing us. Thank God we are still in the fight. We are glad for the way the Lord hears and answers prayer. He is the only one we can look to for everything. He is worth while praising. One was filled with the Holy Ghost and three baptized in water. Pray that God will ever keep us on the firing line till He comes or calls for us.—Amy Reid, clerk, White Hall Lane, Constant Spring P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

Satisfied in the Church of God

RANGER, Tex.—I am still thanking and praising God for so great a salvation. I am praising our heavenly Father that it pleased Him to lead me to the Church of God. I feel perfectly satisfied now as there is no other church to hunt for.

I had been hunting for the Church for eighteen years. Praise God, I found it last January, so now I praise Him for the work He is permitting me to do for Him. Glory to Jesus. Let's do all we can to put the Evangel over the top for the glory of God. It seems so slow to get outside people to understand, but I am working every day to try to get the real Word of God to the people who do not know God.

I covet your prayers because I am facing all kinds of false doctrines and teach-

ings. People are surely being deceived in these last days. Some have their whole salvation staked on baptism, others on just belief with lip service, with the heartfelt part left out of it.—W. E. Crafton.

Healed By the Mighty Power of God

LAVONIA, Ga.—I praise God for His great healing power. He has meant much in our home. We have two children who never had any medicine. We have them in the hands of God. When they are sick we call for the elders of the Church as the Bible teaches, and God comes on the scene every time and heals them. Praise His name.

Our baby fourteen months old had a scratch in the corner of her left eye. It began to inflame. Her eye swelled and closed completely and the side of her face was in a solid sore. It looked as if blood poison might set up any minute. The devil tried every way he could to defeat us, but thanks be to God her face is healed by the mighty power of God. We carried her to church on Sunday morning and had the saints to pray for her and she began to mend from that hour. Now her eye is open and as clear as the other one and the sore is almost gone.

Pray that we may be humble and draw closer to Jesus.—Mrs. Benjamin Hill.

MACON, Ga.—I am so glad to tell you the good news that Jesus has healed my body. Praise the Lord! Some time ago I put in a request for prayer. I thank everyone who prayed a prayer for me and I thank God because He healed me instantly. I had been sick since March. Thank God, I am well now. Please keep on praying for me that I will be strong enough soon to be back on the field and win souls for Jesus.—Mrs. Lila Smith, evangelist, Rt. 2, c/o J. O. Mullis.

LIVE OAK, Fla.—I am happy to say that I am saved, sanctified and filled with the moving and talking Holy Ghost, and a member of the Church of God. I could not begin to tell all that the dear Lord has done for me in the last six years. He means more to me than all this world. Oh, hallelujah! He has healed me and my children so many times. When it seems that we have gone as far as we can, then God blesses us and encourages us to press on. I truly thank the Lord for the way He supplies our needs, both spiritually and temporally. Friends, it may seem hard to give up your home and all you have, but you will surely not regret it, for when God speaks you just as well obey. We see so many Church members today who have the nerve to say they are saved, sanctified and have the precious Holy Ghost when they won't even come to church, if everything doesn't go just to suit them, and talk about their neighbors and pastor. God help us. We find in one place in His

Word where He said every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess. I just want more of God in my life and be willing to do anything that God would have me to do. Please pray for us. When I see the devil working so hard and so many turning back it encourages me to stand true till Jesus says it's enough, come up higher, then I will be repaid for every heartache and pain.—Mrs. Maggie Fender, Rt. 5, Box 299A.

HIAWASSE, Ga.—I am glad to report victory this morning. I am saved, sanctified, filled with the sweet Holy Ghost, belong to the Church of God and willing to obey the Lord and let my light shine out to a lost world. We, as young people, should be working for Jesus, trying to encourage others to press on. The trouble with young people, they are letting pride and the worldly pleasures keep them from serving Jesus. The devil hasn't anything for anyone but destruction at the end of the way, so come on, give your life to Jesus and let Him clean you up from the world. Praise God, I'm expecting to be at the marriage supper; unless we are made free from sin we will never be there. Pray for me.—Miss Maggie Dayton.

Desires to Grow Stronger

HIAWASSE, Ga.—I thank and praise God for what He means to me. I was saved and sanctified about a year ago, then on Christmas day I received the Holy Ghost. The devil said I would die if I tried to get the Holy Ghost, but he is a liar. The fire has been burning in my soul ever since. We must bear the cross if we wear a crown. I mean to go to heaven regardless of the cost. Praise God for the gifts too.

I thank God for our pastor, Brother James Sanders.—Mrs. Etna Burell.

BONNE TERRE, Mo.—I praise God for the way He has heard and answered prayer. A few weeks ago when my wife was very ill and it looked like if God didn't undertake she wouldn't be here long we prayed and prayed, but it seemed it was so hard to get victory.

On Sunday when I went to the hospital they had moved her over to the other side of the building. When her mother came she asked why she had been moved. She was told that after one got so bad they always moved them to that side. When we would look at her and see she looked so bad we would cry in our hearts, "O God, why don't you heal her?" She begged us to take her home; she said if she was at home where a crowd of saints could gather round and lay their hands on her she would be healed.

One Sunday after the rest had gone I began to pray that God would touch her body and make the doctor willing to release her from the hospital; her father also had all the saints to pray that she would

be released. We knew that God would have to do a mighty work as we had asked the doctor to let us take her home and he wouldn't hear to it, but while I was praying I promised God if He would touch her body I would tell about it through the Evangel. A moment later I looked and large beads of sweat stood out all over her face. I laid my hand on her forehead and it was so cool. Oh, praise God! the high temperature that she had been running for days was gone.

I don't know how or in what way God worked on the doctor's heart but when he came in later he said, "If your temperature isn't any higher in the morning than it is now you can go home." Oh, praise His name! We could hardly wait till he got out of the room to give God the praise. The next morning she didn't have any temperature at all and the nurses seemed to be amazed that she was going home, but God's works always have amazed people. Now she is on the mend and is anxious to be in the work of the Lord. Pray for us that we will do His will.—Lee E. Holdman, W. School St.

BORGER, Tex.—We thank the Lord for His great blessings and the way He has blessed in building our new church in Borger. We have had fine co-operation of saint and sinner. On Sunday, Sept. 3, we had Sunday School in our new church. Our rule is "pay as we build." So far we have made it fine; we will have three Sunday School rooms in the basement. We ask the saints to pray that we will finish this building without debt. The building will be a stucco.—C. H. Mason, pastor.

Editorials

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brutality and bloodshed they have brought themselves up to the very standard of Antichrist. These two countries are neutral so far.

Just about the time the rapture will take place we are sure that the spirit of Antichrist will have been so revived among the nations until they will be ready to receive this man of sin. It is my candid opinion that the conflict that is now on will finish the wars among nations. Famine and disease will so impoverish the nations that they will cry out for someone to advise and help them. When commerce is broken down, starvation spreads over the land, men are without employment, and nations have gone to their limit in advising and carrying on business, this superman will come on the scene and take charge of the entire world. He will revive business in every nation and cause craft to prosper in his hand.

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance,

and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; . . ." Dan. 8:23-25.

The revival of the Roman fascist is certainly an indication of the preparation for Antichrist. Antichrist forces will finally succeed. The cause for which the Christian nations are fighting is good, but prophecy must be fulfilled. If Russia and Italy enter the war with the forces already engaged against righteousness, it is the opinion of the Editor that they will finally complete the preparation for Antichrist. Jesus will come and take His people out of the world and then the first seal will be broken. Rev. 6:1, 2.

A Shepherd and Not a Lord

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13, 14, "For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality."

When this spirit prevails in the Church there will be more unity, love, and fellowship. I thank God for the ministers we have in the Church that really have the welfare of the flock at heart.

I have written these few words with a burdened heart for the interest of the Church of God and because I love the Church above everything else and I do want to see it go over the top for Christ and prevail against the enemy.

Perry-Scope

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come to God's cause are created and carried on by prayer. God's day of power, the angelic days of activity and power, are when God's Church comes into its mightiest inheritance of mightiest faith and mightiest prayer. God's conquering days are when God's saints have given themselves to mightiest prayer.—E. M. Bounds.

Revival Held

SMYRNA, S. C.—A two weeks' revival has just closed at Hickory Grove. We certainly had a wonderful time in the Lord. Our pastor, Brother W. O. Bowman, did the preaching. He did some wonderful preaching. The altar was full every night. Brother Bowman is certainly a good man of God. He has been a blessing to us people at Hickory Grove. We hope to get him back another year.—Frances Cochran, secretary and treasurer.

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PRAY FOR:

My sister, Pauline Bozeman, who is in a serious condition in the hospital; unspoken request.—Stella Henderson, Chapman, Ala.

Complete healing of my body, if not God's will to heal me that He will take me out of my suffering; my husband to be saved; me to keep faith. Write me, if led.—Mrs. Lucile Dennis, Rt. 1, Box 106, Leeds, Ala.

Ruth Jewell to be healed of a tumor on her brain, also her right side which is almost paralyzed to be healed.—J. W. Leslie, Wilcoe, W. Va.

Me to be healed of asthma; unspoken request.—Mrs. Luther Lambert, Eckman, W. Va.

Me to stand true and overcome a habit; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Louise Richey, 67 Baldwin St., Honea Path, S. C.

The church here, God to lead us and keep us in His will; special unspoken request.—Brother and Sister Paul R. Walker, Broad St., Newville Pa.

The Lord to heal my baby; me to get closer to the Lord.—Lula Williams, 708 Rogers St., Gadsden, Ala.

God to heal me of kidney trouble. Sister Smetzer, please write to me.—Mae Hartley, Eckman, W. Va.

My sister to be completely healed; me; two very special unspoken requests.—Miss D. Boick, Hyden, Ky.

The healing of my body; me to stand true; unspoken request; me to receive the Holy Ghost. — Mrs. Lillie Mae Sanders, Rt. 2, Keysville, Va.

The Lord to give us strength to stand under the load here at this place and against the powers of the enemy.—Lela Culpepper, Pensacola, Fla.

Me; my unsaved loved ones; unspoken request; a friend in trouble.—Mrs. J. E. Austin, Rt. 3, Box 97, Albany, Ga.

My baby to be healed. If there are any Church of God folk near here I would like for you to come pray for my baby. I live three miles south of Crab Orchard on G. J. Frick's farm.—W. T. Johnson, Rt. 2, Marion, Ill.

God to rule supremely in my heart; me to stand true; my husband to return to the Lord. — Sister Allie Lathan, Rt. 1, Friendship, Tenn.

Complete healing of my body; God to bring my husband into the Church of

God; me to stand true. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mrs. May Miley, Ft. Gay, W. Va.

The Lord to completely heal my body of stomach, kidney, bladder and other troubles.—Virgie Fields, McVeigh, Ky.

The healing of my husband of stomach trouble, his legs to be healed; him to be saved; God to heal my body.—Mrs. Thomps, McVeigh, Ky.

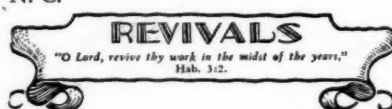
My boys and me; God to draw me closer to Him, heal my body and supply our needs. I will appreciate old Evangels.—C. B. Wall, Route 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.

My health to be restored; my complete healing.—Mrs. C. W. Kerce, LaBelle, Fla.

My hearing to be restored.—F. E. Burrow, Benton, Ark.

Me to get fully satisfied with my experience; my faith to be increased; three unspoken requests; God to hear and answer prayer; our revival.—Veno Mitchell, Rt. 2, Anna, Tex.

The Lord to save my loved ones.—Mrs. E. E. Patrick, Box 585, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.



LEO, S. C.—I thank and praise God for salvation; I praise Him for His great power to heal. The Lord is so good to us. He heals us when we get sick. Thank the Lord. He's a real friend to us. He sanctified and baptized us with the good Holy Ghost and fire.

I praise the Lord for the wonderful revival which closed about two or three weeks ago. Sister Annie Jones and Sister Corne did some wonderful singing and Sister Jones did some wonderful preaching. Some were saved, two sanctified and the church revived. Sisters Jones and Corne are surely good workers. We praise the Lord for our good pastor, Brother A. C. Godwin. Our Sunday School is very good. Please pray for the work here and the church, that we will move on with the Lord.—Julius Hanna and wife, Rt. 1, Box 55.

CELINA, Texas.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival here in Celina, Tex. with Brother S. W. Hamilton in charge. He did some wonderful preaching. He has thirty or forty years' experience in the gospel work. He is now sixty-four years of age, but when God anoints the age seems to vanish and Brother Hamilton becomes young under the power of God, throwing his very soul into his

messages. The church was greatly uplifted. Seven were reclaimed, two sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, for which we thank the Lord. We are so thankful for Brother Hamilton and all seemed so much to appreciate his years of experience and gray hairs. We hope to meet him shouting on the streets of glory.—H. W. Pugh and wife.

MEADVILLE, Miss.—We are sounding a note of praise for the wonderful way in which the Lord has blessed at Wesley's Chapel. The Church of God is moving on here under the leadership of Brother Jim Evins, our pastor. We thank God for the good shepherd spirit he has manifested in our midst.

We have just closed a revival with Brother Dewey Bozeman in charge and it surely proved a blessing to the church. With Brother Bozeman's faithful service and the co-operation of the pastor and saints we won the victory and gained ground on the enemy. Many were saved, sanctified and twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, eighteen baptized in water and twenty added to the church. We thank the Lord for these new soldiers and we are expecting more, as there are many earnest seekers in the altar.

Brother Bozeman labored five weeks in this revival, gave out many soul-stirring messages that will live on and bring forth fruit after he has moved on to another field of labor. We thank the Lord for the faithful visiting saints who labored in this revival. Please remember us in prayer that we will be working for Jesus when He comes.—Mrs. Add Bradley, clerk.

He Means Much to Me

MIDDLE CREEK, Tenn. — I praise God for what He is to me; He means much to me. I cannot thank Him enough for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the sweet Holy Ghost and for healing my body. He has healed me several times. Praise His name. Pray for our church, we want it to go over the top.—Sister E. Williams.

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New Summit church, Bauxite, are making some powerful tirades against the prince of darkness at each service. This is a small neighborhood—only about twelve families but we hope to establish a church. We covet your prayers.—F. E. Burrow, 308 2nd Ave., Benton, Ark.

Paid to B. T. S.

Individuals

W. J. Shumaker, \$9.00; R. J. Johnson, \$50.00; Wiley E. Wright, \$2.25.

Churches

Forrest City, Ark., \$3.00.